



CITY OF AUBURN

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: City of Auburn
Community Development Department
DATE: June 8, 2010
SUBJECT: **AVAILABILITY OF THE BALTIMORE RAVINE SPECIFIC PLAN AND STUDY AREAS PROJECT Draft EIR**

COMMENT PERIOD: June 8 through July 23, 2010

PUBLIC MEETING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS: July 13, 2010, 5 p.m., City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, Room 10

The City of Auburn has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) to evaluate the environmental effects of the proposed Baltimore Ravine Specific Plan and Study Area project, located in the City of Auburn. The Draft EIR is available from the City of Auburn, Community Development Department, 1225 Lincoln Way, Room 3, Auburn, California, 95603; phone: (530) 823-4211, and on the City's website at www.auburn.ca.gov.

Project Location

The proposed project site is located in the southwest area of the City of Auburn, approximately 2 miles from the downtown district along Interstate 80 (I-80). The project site is generally bounded by the westbound Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track to the south, Auburn-Folsom Road to the east, and I-80 to the north and northwest (see Figure 1).

The project site is designated Urban Reserve in the City of Auburn General Plan. The City has received an application to develop approximately 264 acres of the 392-acre Urban Reserve area. The remaining 128 acres would be re-designated and re-zoned for future development. These consist of four geographic areas located on the northeastern and southwestern edge of the BRSP area (see Figure 2).

The project site is not on any lists of sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 regarding hazardous waste sites.

Project Description

The proposed Specific Plan provides for up to 725 dwelling units, 90,000 square feet of mixed uses (high-density residential, office and retail) in a village center and approximately 140 acres of open space. Concurrently, the City proposes to amend the General Plan to re-designate the remaining portion of the Urban Reserve area (approximately 128 acres) to Rural Density Residential, with a minimum 2-acre lot size, which are analyzed programmatically in the EIR.

Significant Environmental Effects

Significant impacts of the proposed project include changes in visual character, increases in light and glare, air pollutants, greenhouse gasses, erosion, stormwater runoff, traffic noise, traffic congestion and wastewater requiring treatment; loss of biological resources; damage to or destruction of historic, prehistoric and paleontological resources; degradation of water quality; exposure of people and/or structures to unstable slopes; and hazards related to historic mining, past farming, naturally-occurring asbestos, noise from traffic, trains and construction, and wildland fires.

Document Availability and Review

Written comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR should be directed to the following address by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 23, 2010.**

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Public Meeting

A public hearing to receive oral comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR will also be held during this comment period on **Tuesday, July 13, at 5 p.m.** in the Council Chambers at the City of Auburn City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.